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ABSTRACT

A review of six expert group meetings was organized to discuss various population and development issues and present individual group reports. The review begins with a synthesis of the meetings and gives a brief description of the organizational aspects of the meetings, a summary of recommendations, and an overview of important issues examined at more than one meeting. The meeting on population, environment, and development focused on implications for sustained economic growth and sustainable development. The meeting on population policies and programs observed that the stabilization of global population within the shortest period possible had become an internationally recognized goal. The objectives of the meeting on population and women were to identify practical steps that governments and organizations could take that would help empower women and promote development. The meeting on family planning, health, and family well-being identified characteristics crucial for the success of family programs and considered political commitment fundamental. The meeting on population growth and demographic structure reviewed past trends and future prospects of population growth and discussed concerns for the inevitability of persistent growth well into the 21st century due to the momentum built into the age structure of most developing countries. The final section reports on the meeting on population distribution and migration that concluded migration was a rational response by individuals and families to spatial differences in opportunities. (CK)